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Bartholomew Sawmill Company.

In 1920 the Bartholomew Brothers, namely George, and Samuel bought the timber of the William H. and Mintie Wade place on Stamping Creek not far from the High Rocks and running with the ridge that divides Stamping Creek from the Swago Creek settlement, the farm is now owned by Owen Hook of Millpoint W.Va. who is a farmer of the Stamping Creek community.

They bought the timber from the entire farm of 365 acres and upon completion of the operation they found they had sawed 300,000 feet.

Bartholomews contracted the sawing to J.L. Howard of Buckeye, W.Va. Pocahontas County who had a circular mill he agreed to saw it for \$6.00 a thousand, Bartholomews contracted the skidding to Sam Dean then of Seebert, W.Va. for \$6.00 a thousand he skidded 50,000 feet and gave it up so Bartholomews bought teams and finished the skidding themselves.

This entire operation required the services of some 20 men, they were paid from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per day most of the men boarded at home, therefore the influence on Stamping Creek community was very little noticed save for the payroll. This operation started in the fall of 20 and ended up in the fall of 21. The lumber was graded and shipped out the greater part going to the M. B. Farren Lumber Company of Cincinnati. Tippicanoe City, Indiana and The Penesboro Lumber Company, Penesboro, W.Va.

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In the spring of 1918 George and Samuel Bartholomew of Hillsboro, W.Va bought the timber off of between 750 and 800 acres on Caesar mountain and the foot of Viney Mountain 50 acres from Andy Carter who lived near Seebert W.Va. the timber from 182 from Wesley Kennison of Hillsboro, 145 acres from C.W Kennison, and from Frank Kennison both of Hillsboro. This timber was located from Millstone Run on Caesars Mountain by the rattle snake den on the side of Viney Mountain to the divide between Stam ping Creek and Little Levels or Hillsboro side along Little Mountain backbone to the Hillsboro, Lobelia road.

They paid \$15000.00 for this timber and sawed six million feet of lumber.

Bartholomews had a single band mill which they set near the Hillsboro, Lobelia road on the Frank Kennison farm at the foot of Viney Mountain, they built a boarding house and 5 or 6 dwelling houses to take care of the men and their families that came in to help manufacture this timber which principally consisted of chestnut, red and white oak, maple and ash.

They had a locomotive, and a loader to handle the logs, railroad track was laid in the hollows on the more level ground up these hollows the log train and loader were taken to load the logs and haul the logs to the mill where they were sawed.

Some 20 men were employed on the mill and on the train.

The lumber was graded ready for shipment some sold locally while the balance was shipped where ever they could get an order but a greater part went to the Pensboro Lumber Company Pensboro, W.Va. About this time the lumber market took a drop which caused most of the timber operators to lose a great deal of money, and broke a great many up, as they had to take from \$45. to \$60 per thousand for lumber they had been getting from \$120. to \$160. per M. for.

Soon after this operation had finished the families living there began to move out to find employment elsewhere and in no time they were all gone, the houses torn down, and this operation passed into history. The Bartholomews bought property in Hillsboro, George owns and operates a filling station, tourist cabins a restaurant and a store, while Samuel is in the trucking business hauling coal, and delivering lime to farmers.

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